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British minister at Caracas: "Government declared officially no cases smallpox in Caracas or LaGuayra. Country absolutely free."

On the 7th instant the barkentine *Edward Seymour* arrived from Bahia with a British consular bill of health dated February 6, indorsed, "2 cases of yellow fever have occurred during the last few days." The bills of health brought yesterday by the steamship *Hevelius* from Bahia and dated on the 7th instant, stated there had been 2 cases of yellow fever, with 1 death. My board are awaiting further information.

Grenada has taken off the quarantine against Bahia, and imposed it against Rosario for plague.

St. Lucia has imposed quarantine against Rosario for plague.

The reports forwarded by the chairman of quarantine board give the following particulars:

*Bahia*.—For the fourteen days prior to March 4, 2 cases yellow fever.

*Pernambuco*.—For the fourteen days prior to February 23, clean bill of health.

*Rio de Janeiro*.—For the fourteen days prior to February 23, 27 deaths yellow fever and 35 deaths smallpox.

*Santos*.—For the fourteen days prior to February 21, 15 cases, 2 deaths, yellow fever.

*Victoria*.—For the fourteen days prior to February 23, clean bill of health.

The bills of health from Santos and Rio de Janeiro made no mention of plague.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine Hospital Service.*

JAS. SANDERSON,  
*Clerk, Quarantine Board.*

#### BELGIUM.

#### *Report from Antwerp.*

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *March 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith inclosed weekly abstract of bills of health issued at the port of Antwerp, Belgium, for the week ended March 24, 1900: Seven bills of health were given during the week, 2 of which were supplemental. The steamship *Aragonia* cleared for Philadelphia on the 22d instant carrying 215 steerage passengers. On the 25th instant the steamship *Southwark* sailed for New York having on board 808 steerage and 64 cabin passengers. Three were refused passage on the *Aragonia* and 17 on the *Southwark*. Both ships sailed under the usual conditions as to the baggage of the emigrants.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

E. K. SPRAGUE,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

#### BRAZIL.

#### *Births and deaths at Bahia during September and October, 1899.*

BAHIA, BRAZIL, *March 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a report on the vital statistics of Bahia for the months of September and October, 1899. This